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possible, and shall respond without delay to the calls or orders of the secretary of the State board or local boards of health or health officers when his assistance is required.

SEC. 13. That the provisions of this act shall not be held to be inconsistent with the present laws relating to the appointment and qualification of the city and town health officers in the cities and towns of this State. But the district commissioner of health shall be deemed to be the supreme authority on all matters affecting the public health of his district, not inconsistent with the authority granted to the State board of health. Any town or city, regardless of population, may have a health organization, as provided in its charter, in addition to the district commissioner of health herein provided for. Otherwise all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. That the county boards of health or district boards of health may employ as many deputy commissioners of health as they may deem necessary to serve the best interests of their county or district, and may also employ visiting nurses to aid them in the examination of school children and to instruct parents in matters pertaining to their children and to perform such other duties as may be required of them by said board. This section shall be so construed as to allow any county, whether in a single county sanitary district or in a joint sanitary district, to exercise all the rights and powers granted in this section.

### MISSISSIPPI.

#### **Communicable Diseases—Schools and Institutions—Employees—Certificate of Health May Be Required by Health Officer. (Reg. Bd. of H., Oct. 26, 1914.)**

SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any school superintendent, principal, school trustee, or the superintendent of any other public or private institution, or the trustees of any other public or private institution, to employ and keep employed in or about such school or institution any teacher, janitor, or other person when such teacher, janitor, or other person is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis or other contagious or infectious disease.

SEC. 6. When an authorized health officer has reason to suspect that a person employed as teacher or otherwise in or about such a school or the institution, as described in section 5, is dangerous to the inmates of said school or institution because of having tuberculosis or any other contagious or infectious disease, said health officer shall demand of said teacher or person so suspected a certificate of health from a physician of competency and acceptable to said health officer. Should such a teacher or employee refuse to submit to an examination or to furnish such certificate the trustees or person in authority shall dismiss such suspected teacher or employee forthwith.

#### **Tuberculosis—Removal of Patients from Hotels and Boarding Houses. (Reg. Bd. of H., Oct. 26, 1914.)**

SEC. 7. That where a suspected case of tuberculosis is lodged in a hotel or public boarding house the municipal sanitary inspector shall examine said patient at request of county health officer and determine if said disease be actually present. His opinion shall be final. If disease be present he shall at once proceed to remove said patient as required by law.